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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD
AT CHABOT OBSERVATORY, OAKLAND, CAL.,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1909.

President BURCKHALTER presided. The minutes of the meeting held November 28, 1908, were approved.

The Committee on Location was authorized to procure a place for holding the annual meeting, March 27, 1909.

The following was elected to membership:—

The Chief Astronomer, Department of Interior, Ottawa, Canada.

President BURCKHALTER announced the appointment of the following committees:—

Auditing Committee: F. R. ZIEL (Chairman), J. A. LANGSTROTH, W. H. LOWDEN.

Nominating Committee: JOSÉ COSTA (Chairman), OTTO VON GELDERN, J. H. MOORE, W. H. SMYTH, B. L. HODGHEAD.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, HELD IN CHABOT
OBSERVATORY, OAKLAND, CAL., JANUARY 30, 1909,
AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

President BURCKHALTER presided. The minutes of the November, 1908, meeting were approved.

There being no further business, the President introduced Professor ALEXANDER G. MCADIE, official in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau in San Francisco, Cal., who delivered an interesting lecture on "Mountain Sites for Observatories." The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

The second lecture of the evening was to have been delivered by Professor T. J. J. SEE, Director of the Naval Observatory, Mare Island, Cal. Professor SEE was unfortunately unable to be present because of an attack of appendicitis. His lecture was read by the Secretary. It was entitled, "The Laws of Cosmical Evolution and the Expansion of the Solar System beyond *Neptune*." The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. Professor SEE's paper announced for the first time his new theory of cosmical evolution in which was given his argument for the existence of one or more trans-Neptunian planets.

Adjourned.
